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CREDIT CARD PRODUCTS)	

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Nathan T. CZYZEWSKI, state that I am one of the co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/838,194. Prior to February 27, 2001, Jeremy P. CLIFFORD, Kristi S. HEBNER, Michael T. ANDERSON, Hilary J. RHODES, and I had completed in this country the invention as described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/838,194 as evidenced by the following:

1. Exhibit A is a true and accurate copy of a "Business Case and Product Requirements" document, prepared on behalf of the inventors of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/838,194 by Nathan "Tad" Czyzewski.
2. Exhibit A describes a system and method consistent with the recitations of the claimed invention of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/838,194.

3. Exhibit A was created prior to February 27, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,


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Build Your Own Card: Business Case & Product Requirements

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1.0 Document Purpose

The purpose of this document is to specify the scope, purposes, goals, and business requirements for the Build Your Own Card (BYOC) project. This document also addresses the business proposition and return on investment.

2.0 Project Background

In an ongoing effort to identify and deliver high-quality, innovative products to the existing and future card base, the USM New Product Development (USM NPD) team conducts quarterly concept screenings and qualitative studies. During numerous such events, consumers strongly indicated that a card which allows the applicant to choose the accounts terms and card appearance, or 'build your own card,' would be very appealing in the general market.

During the initial investigation of this product concept, it was determined that while the majority of the major credit card issuers allow non-solicited and sometimes solicited consumers the option to self-select a product, the general terms and conditions of such offers remain the same for every applicant.

3.0 Project Purpose and Scope

3.1 Purposes & Goals

3.2 Scope

3.2.1 Phase 1:

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Important Note:

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4.0 Project Business Proposition

4.2 Costs and Risks

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Appendix A – Proposed Timeline

Proposed Project Plan:

Phase I – USM OBTM preliminary testing
Phase II – Cross-LOB/channel product testing
Product Rollout as General Offer

Phase II Key Milestones:

Market Research Prototypes

- ♦ Refine customer experience (process and internet look & feel)

Testing Plan

- ♦ Determine: LOBs & response mediums
- ♦ Basic product criteria

Product Kickoff Meeting

- ♦ Present concept
- ♦ Define intent, scope, and target dates

Commitment Meeting

- ♦ Ops areas and LOBs yes/no – rescope launch date if necessary
- ♦ Begin issues log
- ♦ Define next action steps
- ♦ Assign deliverables

Finalized Project Plan

Product Finalization

Ops and IT testing

Product Launch

Determination of Success

Potential Product Rollout

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